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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 28, as follows:

--The release liner of the present invention may be provided with a ~~at~~-first alignment element ~~means~~. One advantage of providing the release liner with such an alignment element ~~means~~ is that it is easier to apply the disposable inner bag liner in the correct way in relation to the receiving member, especially. ~~Especially~~ for a disabled ~~a~~ person.--

On page 4, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1, as follows:

--In one embodiment the second flange has a unique shape which leaves only one way of positioning the second flange of the receiving member in relation to the release liner. As an example the second flange may be provided with one tap extending from a central part of the second flange. Thus if the first flange or the release liner is provided ~~provide~~ with means to navigate in relation to the tap of the second flange, it may be possible to provide only one possible way of positioning the first flange/release liner in relation to the second flange.--

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On page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 23, as follows:

--A gripping plane defined by at least a part of the gripping element ~~means~~ may be transverse to a liner plane defined by at least a part of the release liner provided inside the outer rim. If the gripping element ~~means~~ is provided as a tap extending from the rest of the release liner, the tap will extend in a direction transverse to the rest of the release liner. The outer receiving bag may further be provided with a corresponding tap extending from a second flange. When the first flange to which the release liner is adhered, is to be brought into contact with the second flange, the two taps may be positioned on top of each other. In this situation the central part of the release liner and the first flange are not in contact with the second flange but extend ~~extends~~ in a direction transverse to the second flange. Hereafter the first flange and the release liner may be lowered such that the two taps are not in contact and such that the first flange and the second flange are brought into contact. The gripping plane and the liner plane may define an angle ~~angel~~ of between 5 to 45 degrees, such as 10 degrees, such as 20 degrees, such as 30 degrees, such as 40 degrees. Alternatively it may define an angle of up to 90 degrees.--

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On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14, as follows:

--The gripping surfaces may be transverse to a liner plane defined by at least a part of the release liner. Furthermore, the gripping surfaces may be concave. In one embodiment a compartment projects ~~is projecting~~ from the liner, with the compartment defining the gripping surfaces. The compartment may be adapted to contain the inner bag liner prior to application onto the second flange of the receiving member. When the first flange of the inner bag is adhered to the second flange, ~~of~~ the inner bag may be pushed into the outer member through a hole in the compartment.--

On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5, as follows:

--According to a FOURTH ASPECT the present invention relates to a method of applying to an inner bag liner according to any combination of features and/or elements the aforementioned aspects, a receiving member according to any combination of features and/or elements the aforementioned aspects. The ~~said~~ method includes ~~comprising~~ ~~[[-]]~~ providing the inner bag liner, ~~[[-]]~~ removing a ~~the~~ release liner from the second ~~first~~ surface

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of the first flange of the inner bag liner, ~~[[-]]~~ placing the first alignment element ~~means~~ in relation to the second flange of the receiving member, and ~~[[-]]~~ adhering the second ~~first~~ surface of the first flange of the inner bag liner to the surface of the second flange of the receiving member~~[[,]]~~.--

On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 22, as follows:

--In one embodiment, ~~of the~~ step of placing the first alignment element includes ~~means comprises~~ the steps of~~[[;]]~~ placing the geometrical shape of the first flange in relation to a corresponding geometrical shape of the second flange. For example, ~~E.g.~~ if the first alignment element ~~means~~ is provided as a line on the release liner, the release liner is placed such that the line coincides with ~~coincide~~ a shape of the second flange. The geometrical shape of the release liner may have a shape which is substantially identical to the outer rim of the second flange. Thus the release liner may be placed such that a line on the release liner coincides with ~~coincide~~ the outer rim of the second flange of the receiving member.--

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On page 14, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 9, as follows:

--Furthermore, the method may comprise the steps of: prior to providing the inner bag, locating the stoma and applying the base plate according to the third aspect of the invention; and after adhering the second ~~first~~ surface of the first flange to the surface of the second flange~~[[:]]~~, removing the release liner from the first ~~second~~ adhesive surface of the first flange of the inner bag liner and~~[[,]]~~ attaching the receiving member and the inner bag liner to the base plate.--

On page 14, line 18, please insert the following new paragraph:

--These and other objects of the invention, as well as many of the intended advantages thereof, will become more readily apparent when reference is made to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.--

On page 15, line 3, please insert the following new paragraph:

--Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description

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given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

On page 15, please amend the last paragraph beginning on line 26, as follows:

--Figs. 4, 5a and 5b show a release liner 2 comprising a central portion 4 and a gripping element ~~means~~ 6 in the form of a tap. The release liner is provided with first gripping surface 10 and second gripping surface 12 provided on compartment 8. An inner bag liner 16 is provided in the compacted state in the compartment 8. The release liner 2 is furthermore provided with an alignment leg 30. The alignment leg has a transversing part 32 comprising a first engagement surface 34. The engaging surface 34 is adapted to engage an outer rim 56 of the second flange of the outer receiving member (see Fig. 6) ~~(not shown)~~. The inner bag liner 16 comprises a first flange 36 having a first hole 38 and a second surface 40 to be adhered to the second flange of the receiving member. Opposite the second surface 40 is provided the

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first surface 78 of the first flange (see Fig. 14) which is adhered to the release liner 2 (see Fig. 15). A cover 42 is provided over the hole 38. The cover comprises a first perforated line 44 which encircles a first removable part 46. When the first flange 36 is adhered to the second flange the inner bag liner 16 may be pushed into the receiving member and when this is done the first removable part 46 (or at least a part of it) is detached from the rest of the cover. As the cover 42 is provided next to the first flange 36, the cover 42 and the flange 36 are substantially in the same plane. Once the inner bag liner has been pushed into the receiving member, the release liner 2 may be removed to adhere the first surface 78 of the first flange 36 to the base plate 76 (see Fig. 14), with the base plate being adhered to the skin of the user.--

On page 16, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 12, as follows:

--Figs. 6-8 show how the first flange 36 (shown in Figs. 12-15) ~~(not shown)~~ is placed in relation to the second flange 48. The second flange 48 comprises an outer flange part 50 and an inner flange part 52. The two parts are separated by a recess 54. The inner flange part 52 is to be attached to the

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first flange of the inner bag liner and the outer flange part 54 is to be attached to a base plate which is adhered to the skin of the user. The user may hold the receiving member 20 with the left hand 22 and grip the release liner 2 by means of thumb 24 and index finger 26 of the right hand 28. As the release liner 2 is provided with an alignment leg 30 the task for the user is now to align the release liner such that the first engagement surface 34 (see Fig. 5b) ~~(not shown)~~ of the release liner is in contact with the outer rim 56 of the second flange. As the first ~~second~~ flange ~~48~~ is provided with gripping means 6 which extends from the central portion 4, it is only possible to position/align the release liner in one way.--

On page 18, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1, as follows:

--In figs. 14 and 15 are shown the general principle of the inner bag liner 16 with the release liner 2, the outer receiving member 20 and a base plate 76. In fig. 15 the inner bag liner 16 is shown in the compacted state and in fig. 14 it is shown in the unfolded state. The inner bag liner 16 comprises a first flange 36 having a first hole 38, a first surface 78 and a second surface 40. The second surface 40 is to be adhered to an

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outer surface 80 of the second flange 48 of receiving member 20. The second flange 48 comprises a second hole 82. When the inner bag liner 16 is being applied to the receiving member 20, the first surface 78 of the first flange 36 is covered by the release liner 2 as shown in fig. 15. This allows the alignment element to be used to align the first flange with the second flange of the receiving member. When the first flange 36 is attached to the second flange 48, having been properly aligned using the alignment element on the release liner 2, an overlap 84 is provided between the flanges. The release liner 2 comprises a compartment 8 having a hole 14. A cover 42 is provided over the hole 38. Once the first flange 36 is adhered to the second flange 48, a user may force the inner bag liner 16 into the outer receiving member 20 by inserting a finger into the hole 14. Such insertion of a finger will cause the cover 42 to rupture and the inner bag liner 16 to be forced into the outer receiving member 20. The release liner 2 may then be removed, leaving the first surface 78 of the first flange ready for adherence to the base plate 76, as shown in fig. 14.--

On page 18, after the last line, please insert the following new paragraph:

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--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--.